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Sincerely,

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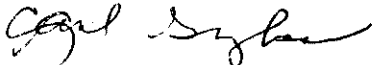
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Dear Chairman Martin,
Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell and Tate:

It has come to my attention that some of the video relay services filed a petition to FCC to declare the practice of imposing non-competition agreements on the video interpreters unreasonable against Sorenson Communications, Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I am disappointed to see some of those relay services attack Sorenson Communications Inc. on how they work with the relay interpreters. I want you to know that Sorenson has been fair to their employees, especially the relay interpreters.

I would recommend that you should check with Sorenson and see how they manage the program. You will find it outstanding organization.

I recommend that you to dismiss the charge made by those video relay services.

I am deaf and I used the Sorenson video relay services. It was a wonderful way to communicate through video. Thank you for making this possible.

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G. Leon Curtis

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Hello please do not take away VRS they make it so very easy to contact my doctors, lawyers, family and etc. now if something happens I don't have to worry about not being able to contact somebody. I would greatly appreciate it if you did not take away Sorenson VRS

Thank you
Donnie + Kathy
Hicks